

# Help us get to zero waste!

FOR NYC SCHOOL KIDS: PRE-K TO 1



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# zerowaste

**This book belongs to**

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**I learned about zero waste on**

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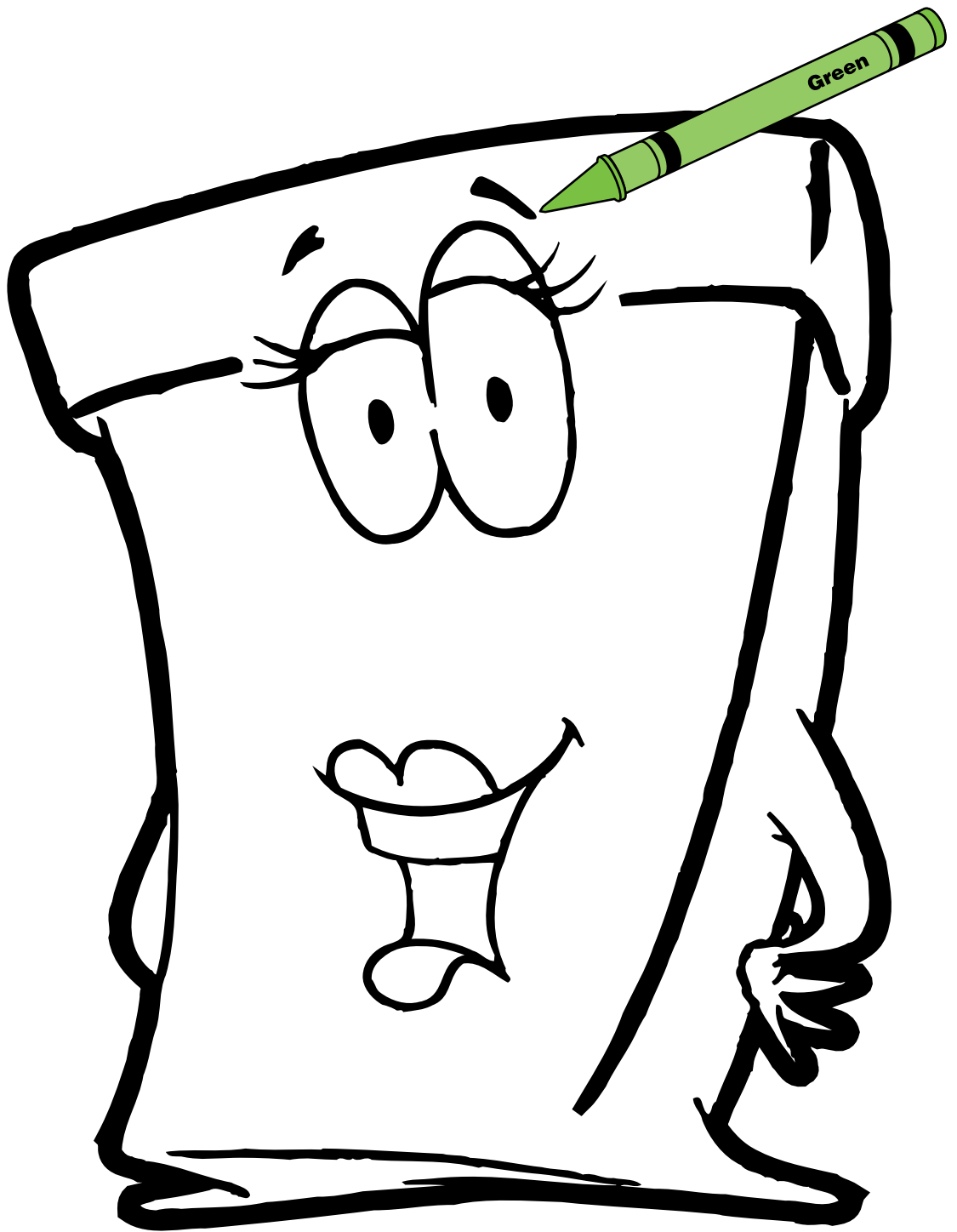
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**My goal is to send zero waste  
to landfills!**

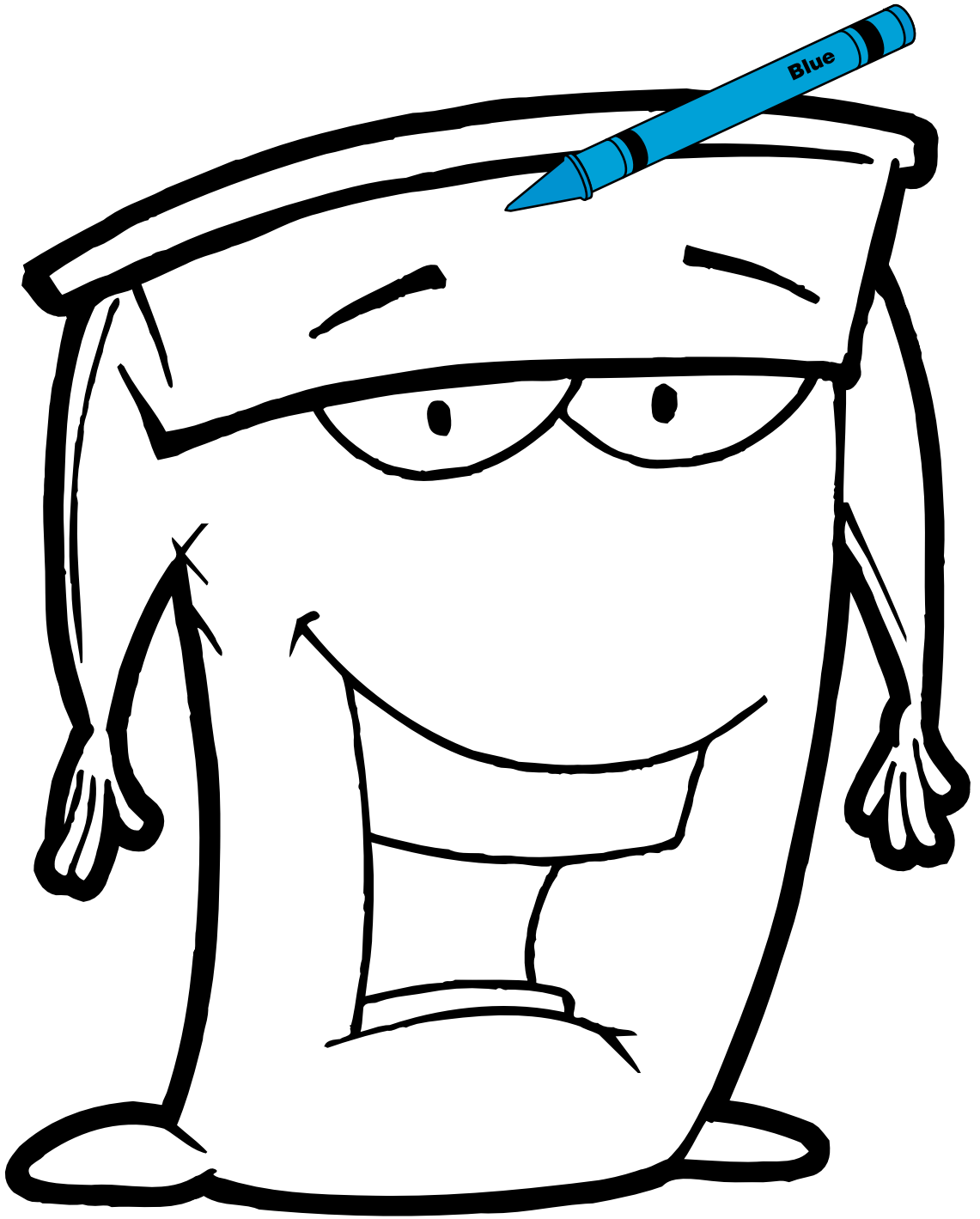
**You can help by recycling all  
of the items in this book.**



**I'm for mixed paper  
& cardboard.**

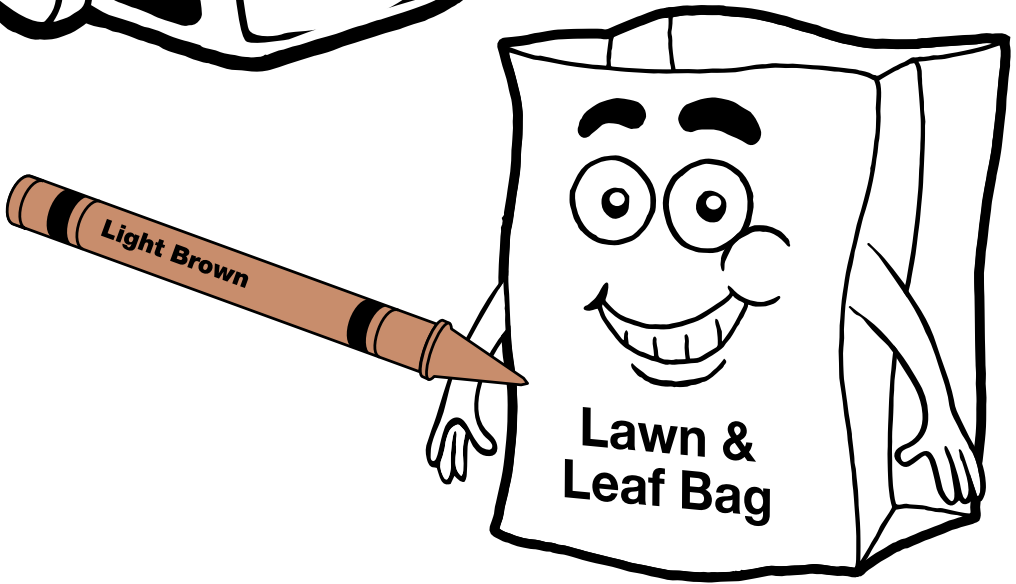






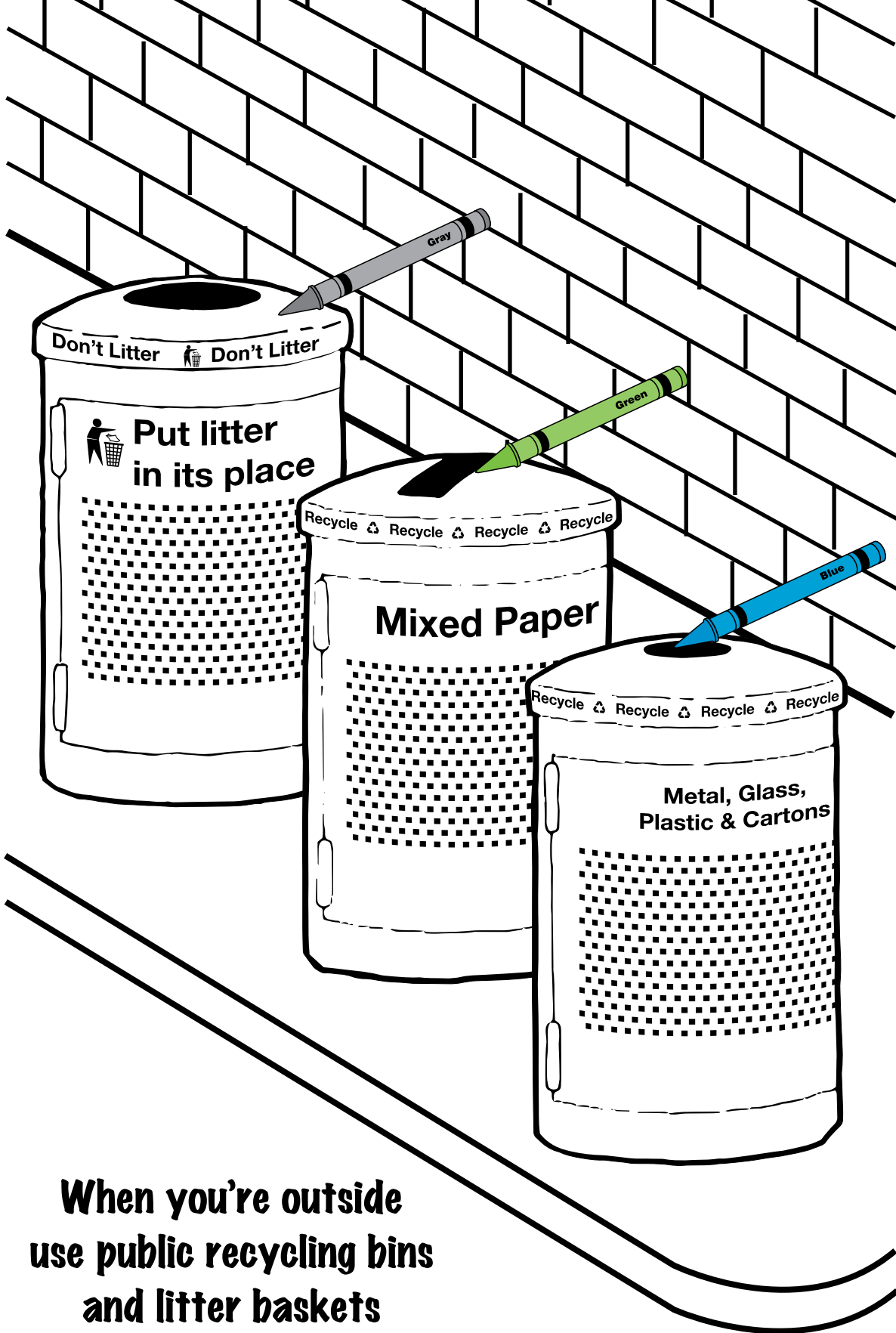
**I'm for metal, glass bottles & jars, rigid plastic, and cartons.**



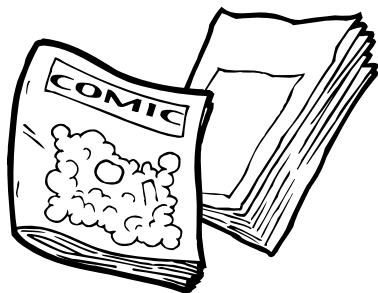


**We're for food scraps,  
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and yard waste  
(called organic waste).**



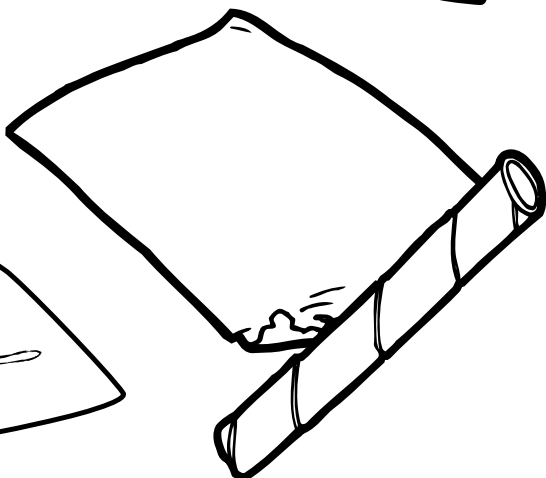
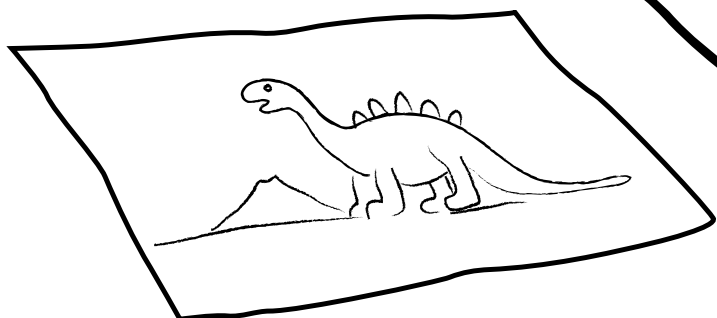
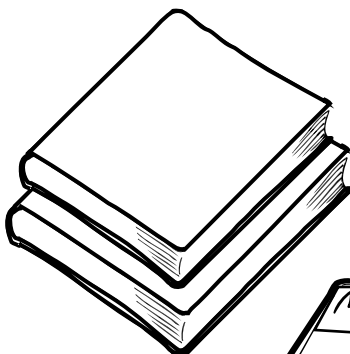
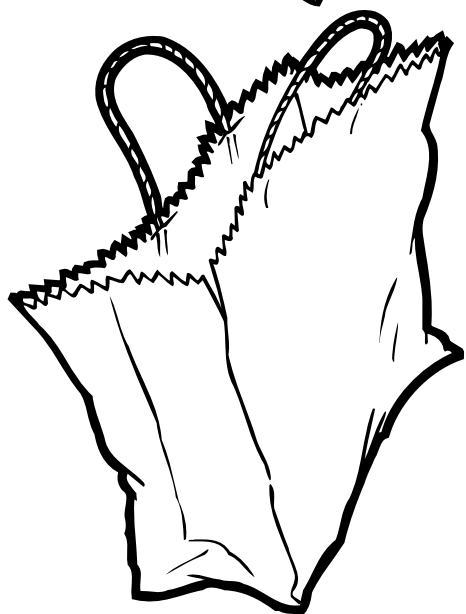
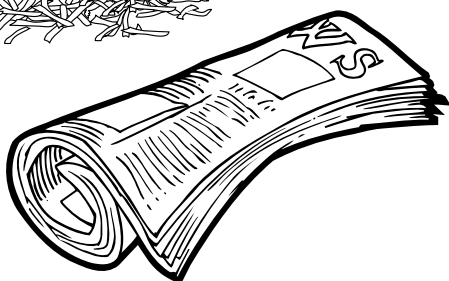
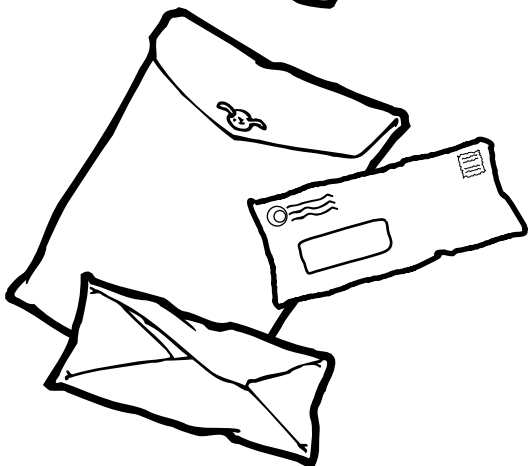
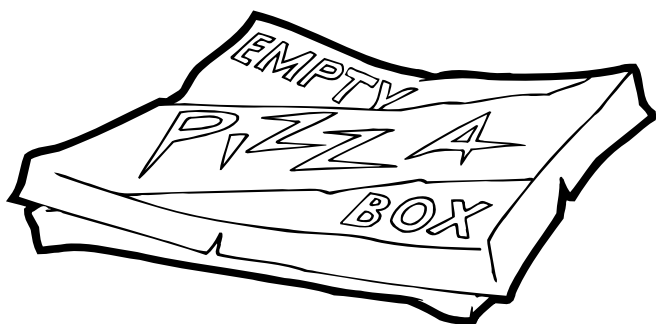


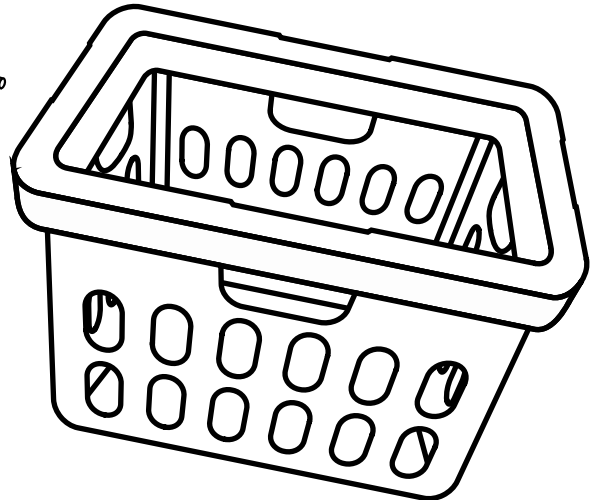
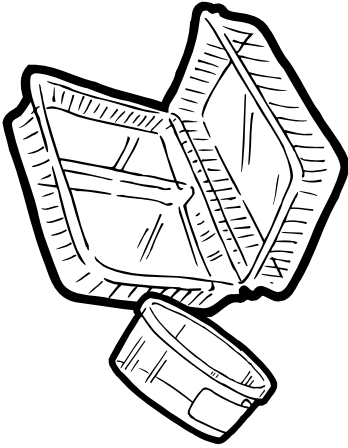
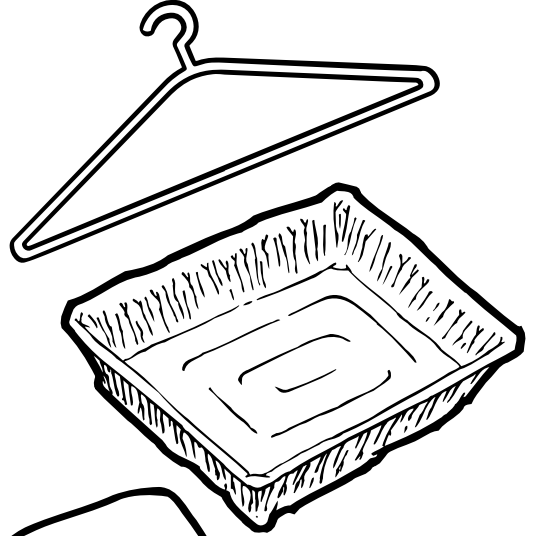
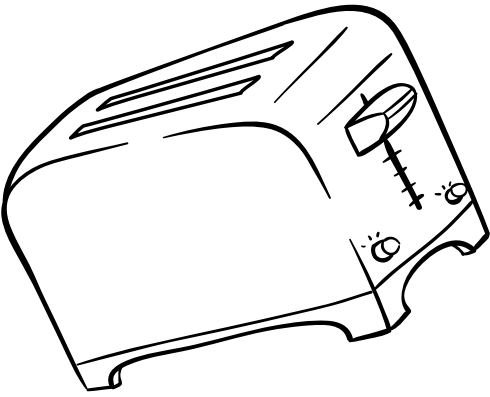
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use public recycling bins  
and litter baskets  
— never litter!**

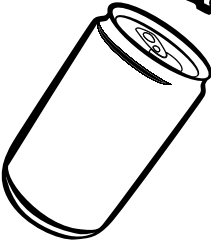
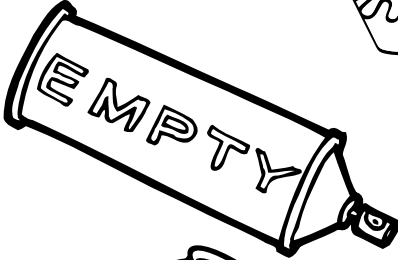
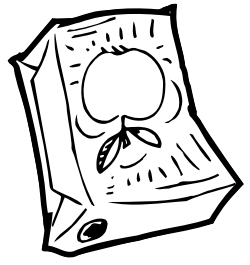
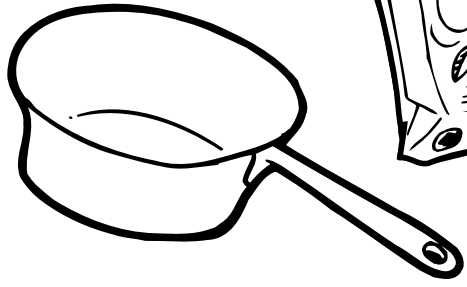
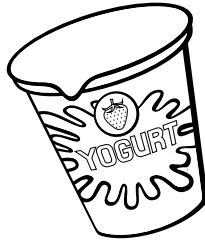
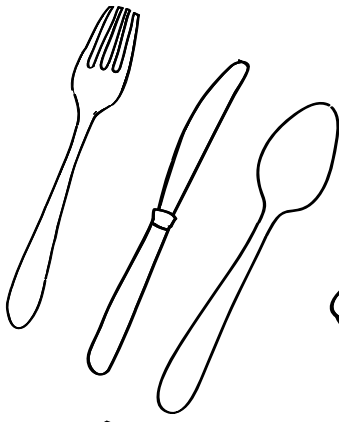


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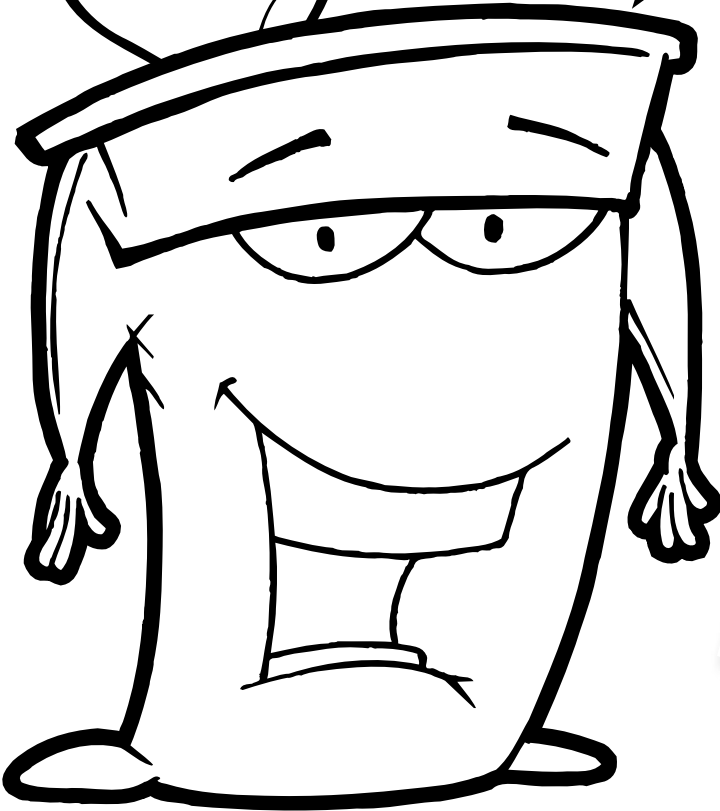
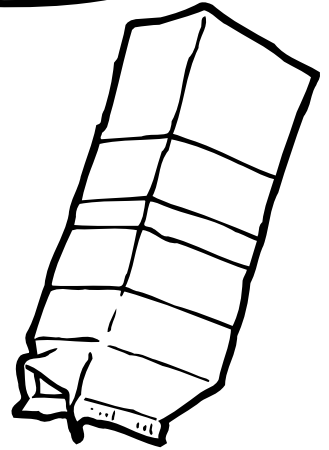
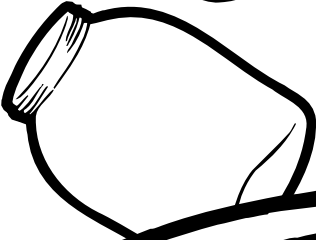






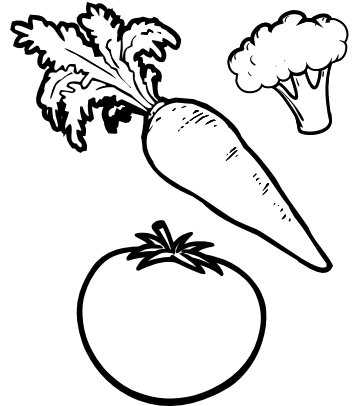
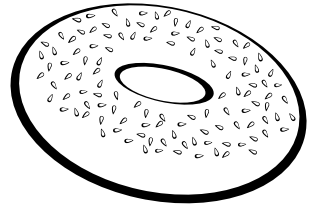
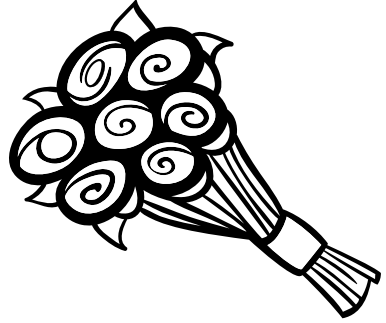
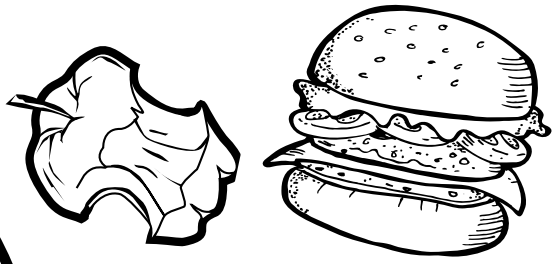


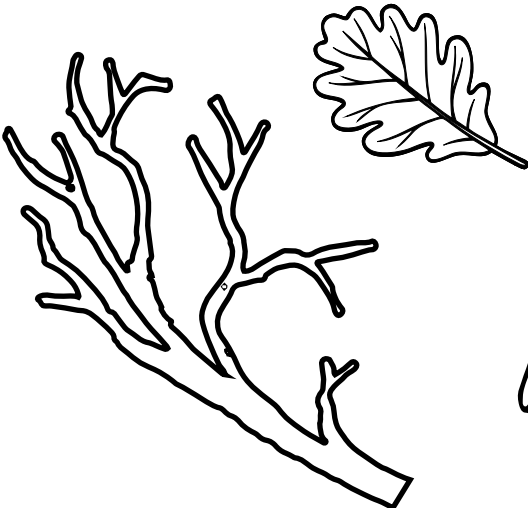
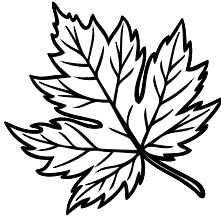
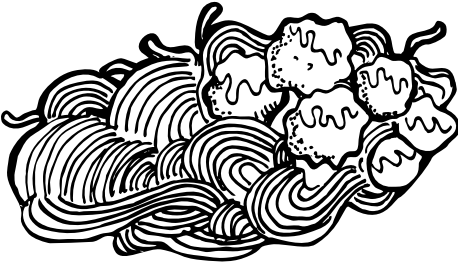
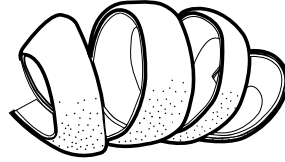
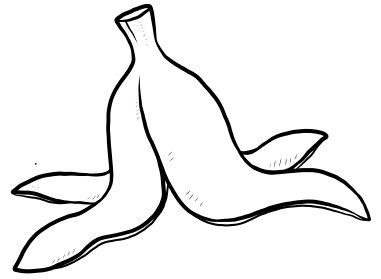
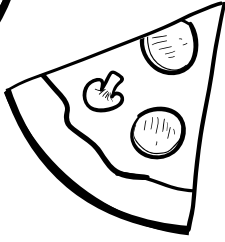
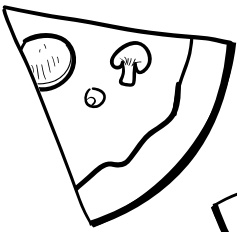
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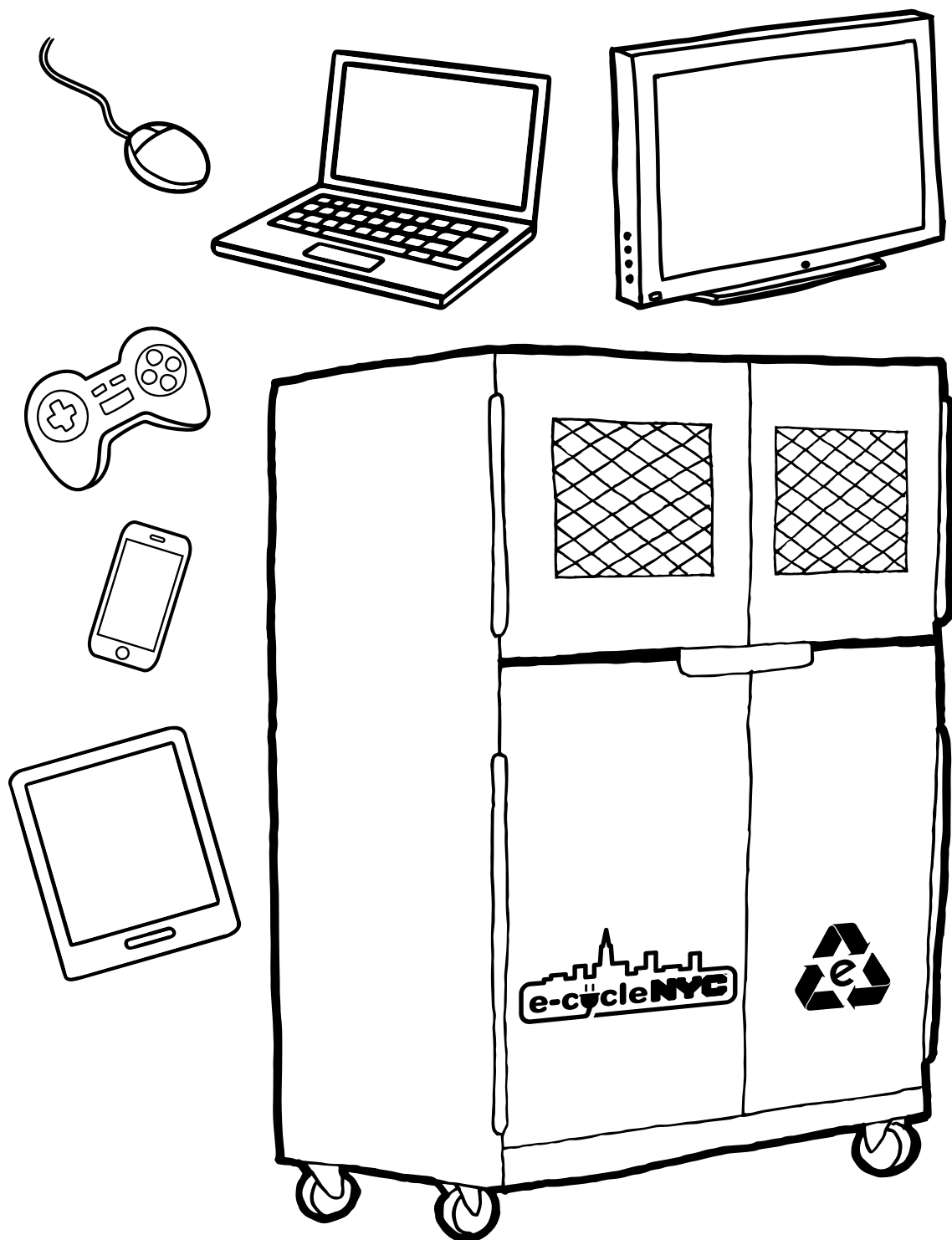


If you live in a participating area, you can compost all these in my **BROWN** bin...

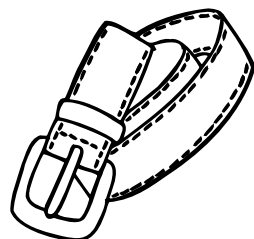
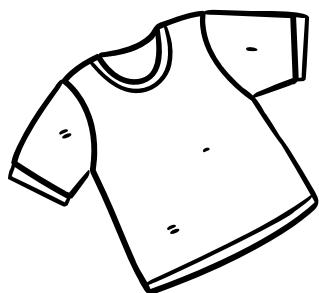




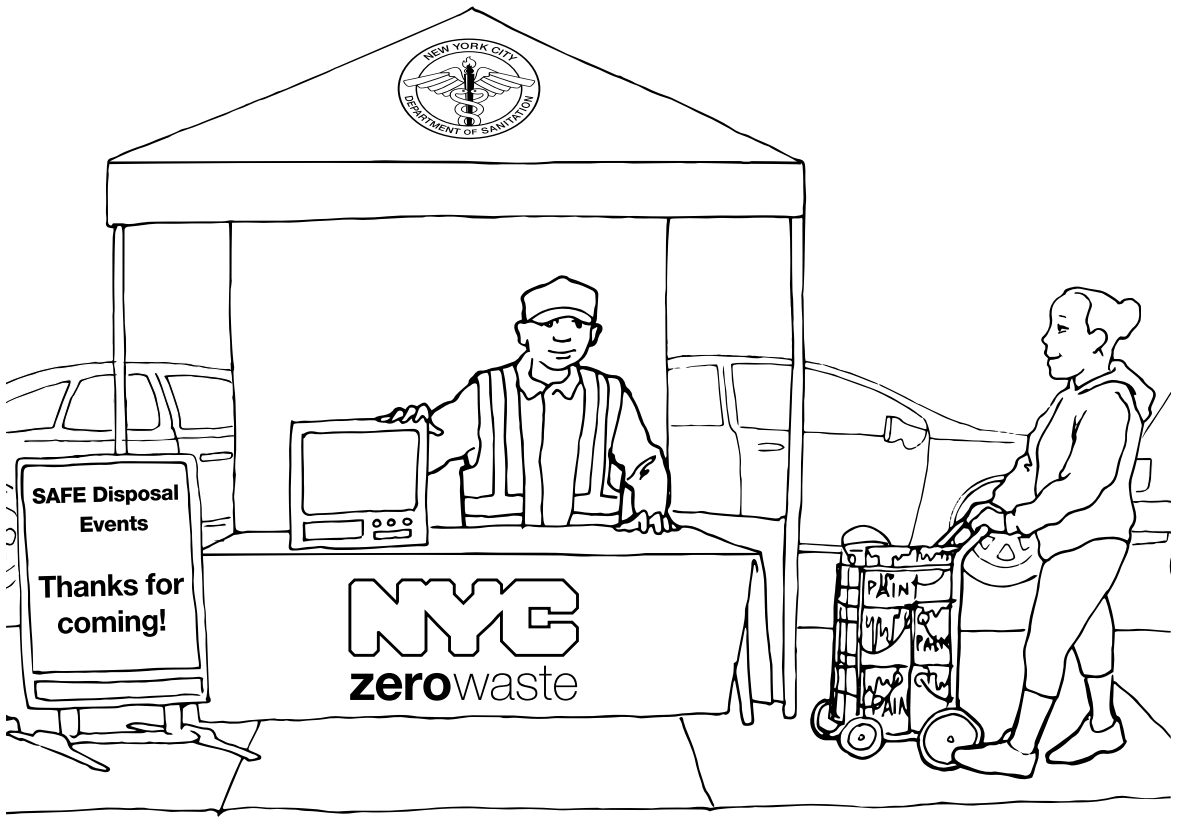
# Recycle electronics with e-cycleNYC!



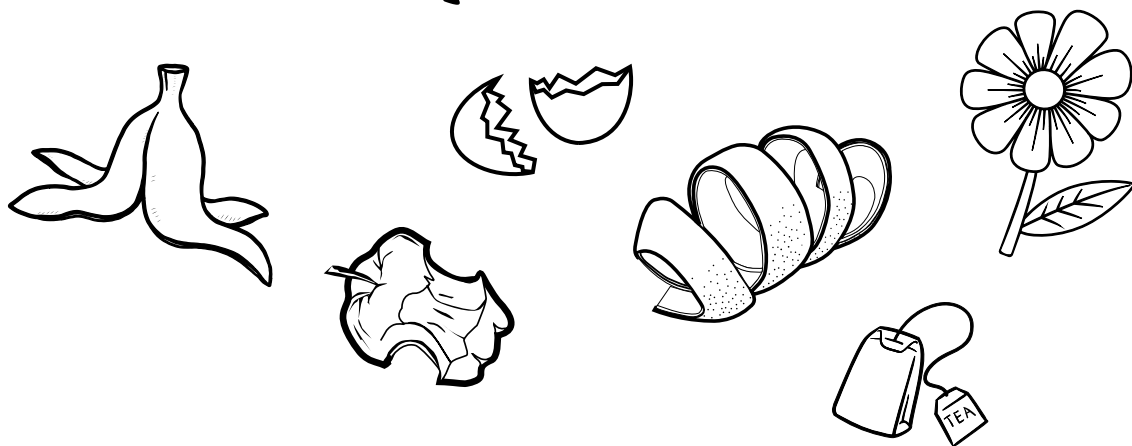
# Recycle clothes with re-fashionNYC!



# Recycle dangerous materials at a SAFE Disposal Event!

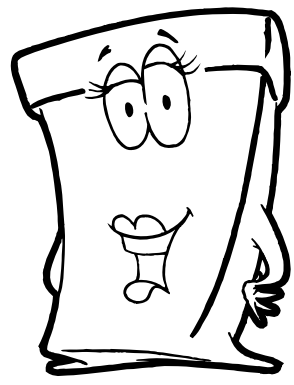
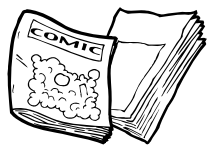
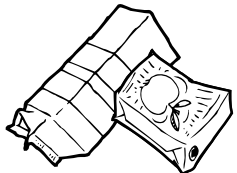


# Bring food scraps to a Drop-Off Site!

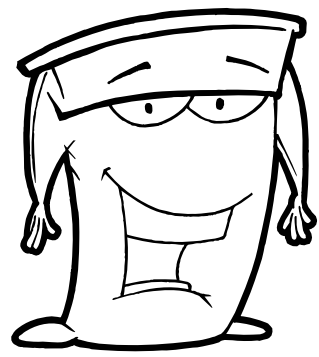


# Which goes where?

Draw a line to match the object with the correct bin!



**GREEN bin**



**BLUE bin**



**BROWN bin**

**ANSWERS:** Beverage Cartons—Brown Bin; Apple—Blue Bin; Plastic Take Out Container—Blue Bin; Newspaper—Green Bin; Chicken Bone—Brown Bin; Cans—Blue Bin; Milk Container—Blue Bin; Leaf—Brown Bin; Comic Book—Green Bin

# Guess who!

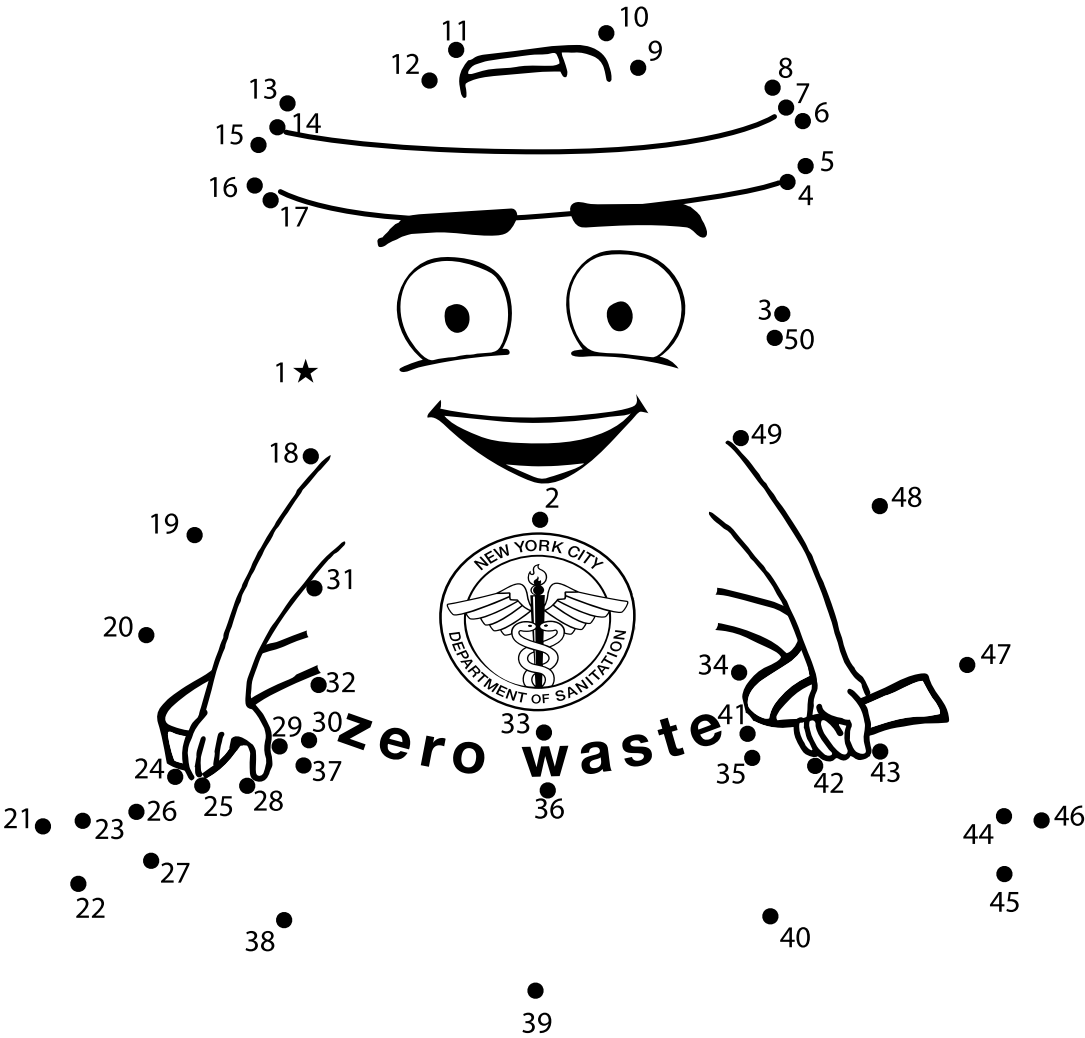
Make your own recycling bin!





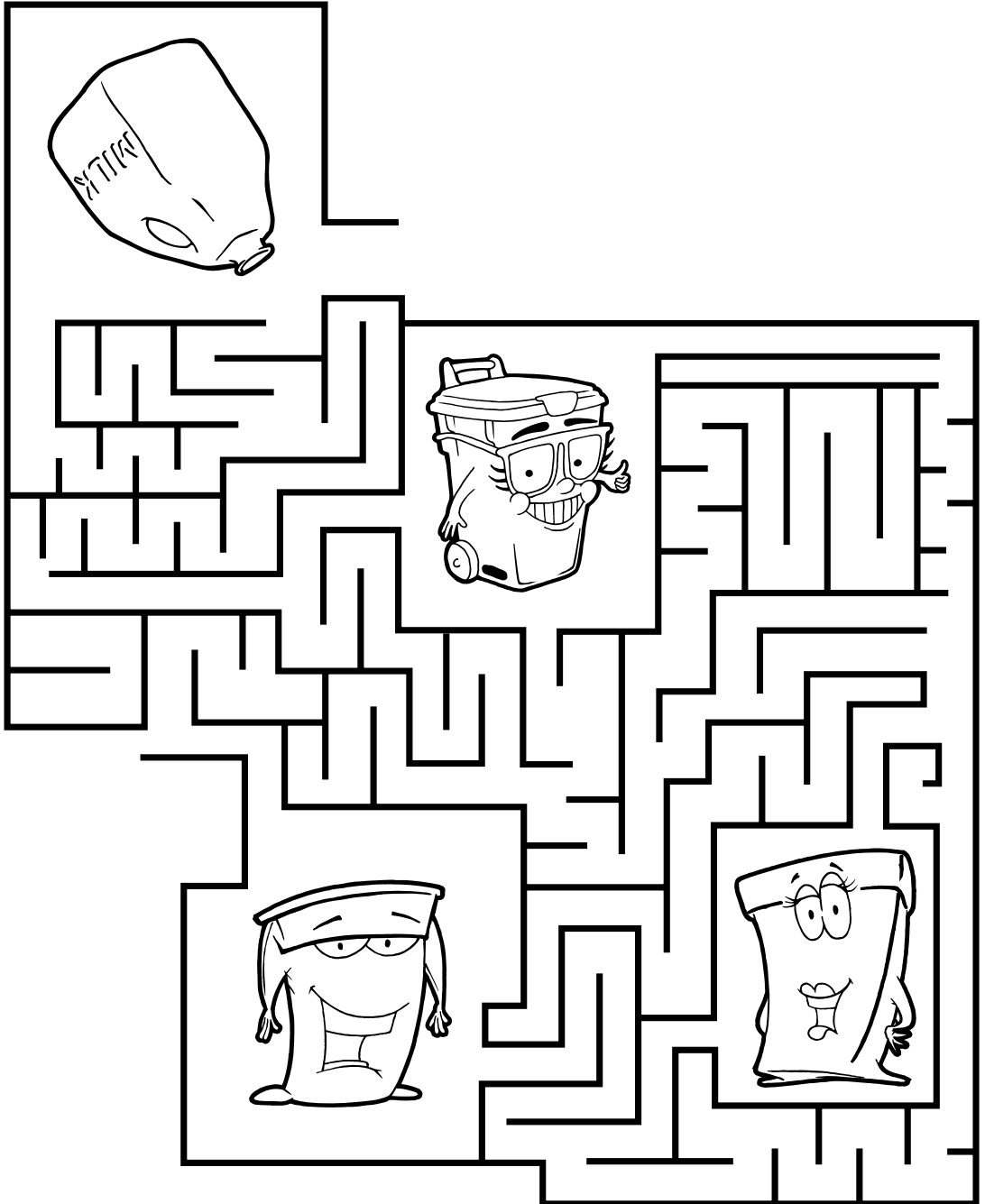
# Guess who!

He's a superhero!



# I'm lost!

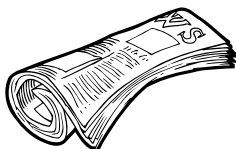
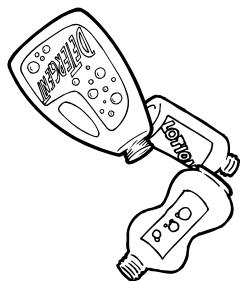
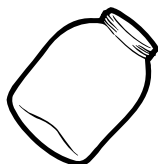
Help the empty milk container find its way  
to the right recycling bin.



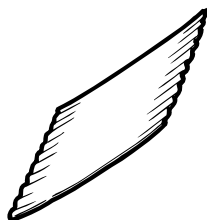
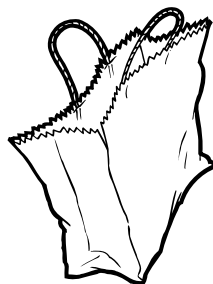
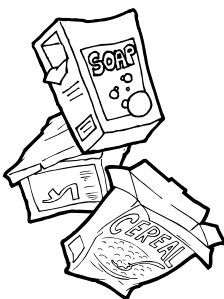
# Which one doesn't belong?

Draw an X over the item that doesn't belong with the others.

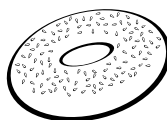
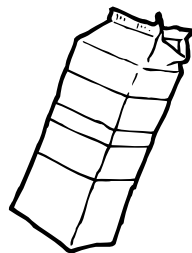
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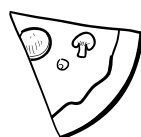
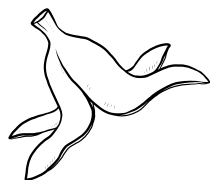
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ANSWERS: 1. Newspaper, 2. Milk Container, 3. Bagel, 4. Water Bottle

# How To Recycle

## Mixed Paper



## Cardboard



**No** *hardcover books; waxed, soiled, or soft paper*

Must flatten and bundle or bag boxes. Staples and window envelopes ok. Put in clear bags, in any bin labeled MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD, or in any bin with green decal.

## Metal



## Rigid Plastic



## Glass

bottles & jars only



## Cartons

**No** *batteries, plastic bags, squeeze tubes & pouches, or plastic foam*

Empty and rinse containers before recycling. Caps & lids ok. Put in clear bags, in any bin labeled METAL, GLASS, PLASTIC & CARTONS, or in any bin with blue decal.

For items with CFCs like refrigerators or air conditioners, call 311 or visit [nyc.gov/sanitation](http://nyc.gov/sanitation)

**Recycling is the law in NYC.** Certain items shouldn't go in the trash or recycling; see [nyc.gov/sanitation](http://nyc.gov/sanitation) for donations and other disposal options.

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**Cut out and hang up this checklist so everyone in your family knows what to recycle in NYC!**